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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Examiner: JENKINS, Daniel J. Dollar Group Art Unit 1742 ASLUND, Christer Group Art Unit 1742 Serial No. 10/018,659

Filed: December 21, 2001

For: A METHOD OF SINTERING A CARBON STEEL PART USING A

HYDROCOLLOID BINDER AS CARBON SOURCE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 10, 2003, the period for response being extended for one month until June 10, 2003, early reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows (marked-up copies of the amended claims are attached hereto in Appendix A with deletions bracketed and additions underlined).

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